

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the official action dated August 8, 2007. Claims 1-13 were pending in the application. In the official action, claims 1-9 were rejected, and claims 10-13 were objected to. In this Amendment, claims 1 and 10 have been amended. Claims 1-13 thus remain for consideration.

Applicant submits that claims 1-13 are in condition for allowance and requests withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

Specification

The Examiner required a substitute specification.

A substitute specification has been provided for purposes of making clarifying revisions to the specification. The substitute specification includes no new matter.

A clean version of the substitute specification is also provided.

\$102 and \$103 Rejections

Claims 1-5 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hara et al. (JP 2000224470).

Claims 6, 8, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hara in view of Fuji et al. (US 6,853,401).

Applicant submits that independent claim 1 is patentable over Hara and Fuji.

Applicant's invention as recited in claim 1 is directed toward an image pick-up apparatus. The claim recites "[setting a] position of [an] enlarged image generation region ... in accordance with [a] hand movement quantity detected by [a] hand movement detecting means." The claim further recites that "the hand movement quantity is detected without analyzing image data." Supporting disclosure for detecting hand movement quantity without analyzing image data can be found in the

specification as originally filed at, for example, page 19 lines 1-14; and page 22 line 14 - page 23 line 18.

Neither Hara nor Fuji discloses detecting hand movement quantity without analyzing image data. In particular, Applicant notes that Hara reduces the effect of hand movement by synthesizing plural image data. Accordingly, Applicant believes that claim 1 is patentable over Hara and Fuji - taken either alone or in combination - on at least this basis.

Further, since dependent claims inherit the limitations of their respective base claims, Applicant believes that dependent claims 2-9 are patentable over Hara and Fuji for at least the same reasons discussed in connection with claim 1.

Allowable Subject Matter / Claim Objections

Claims 10-13 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner indicated that claims 10-13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 11-13 depend upon claim 10. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 10-13 are in condition for allowance.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully addressed, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone Applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to discuss any additional objections which he/she might have.

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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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